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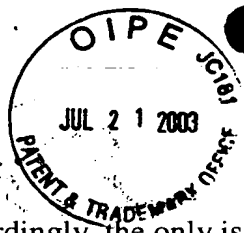
In the final Office Action, the Examiner raised a single issue, namely that the preamble of claim 1 does not agree with the preambles of the dependent claims and so the claims are rejected under the second paragraph of section 112.

The previous amendment presented the amended claim 1, among others, as a clean copy and as a marked up copy to show the changes that were made in the claim. The intended change in the claim 1 is indicated in the marked up copy with an underline. However, the preamble was inadvertently changed by dropping words from the original claim. This change was not indicted in the marked up copy and was not intended.

The foregoing amendment returns the introductory portion of claim 1 to its original phrasing, thereby overcoming the section 112 rejection. The amendment raises no new issues after final and merely places the application into condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment after final is earnestly solicited.


Applicant's representative contacted the Examiner by telephone on July 11, 2003, to explain the inadvertent claim change. The Examiner recommended an amendment after final as the preferred method for correcting the claim wording.

The non-elected claims have been cancelled from this application so that the application is ready for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected invention.



Accordingly, the only issues remaining in the application have been addressed and the application is in form for allowance. Early favorable consideration of the present application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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